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## **Argentina's Effects on Latin America: A Current Economic and Political Outlook**

**Monday, September 22, 2008**

**1:00 – 3:00PM**

*A reception with the panelists and guests will follow.*

**The Penn Club of New York  
Tarnopol Room – 10th Floor  
30 West 44th Street  
New York, New York 10036**

Argentinian President Cristina Kirchner will visit New York this week to address the United Nations General Assembly and make other public appearances at a time when her country increasingly experiences a volatile environment at home and strained relations with the U.S., abroad, and the international financial community.

Last month, Standard and Poor's downgraded Argentina's debt rating five points below investment grade and Moody's revised its debt outlook from positive to stable. Following several months of farmer strikes; a vote by the Vice President to end President Kirchner's export tariff increase; growing financial dependence on Venezuela; Wall Street concerns of default scenarios; and just recently, President Kirchner's willingness to repay its public debt to the Paris Club, this event will provide an opportunity for a timely analysis.

The event will also focus on Argentina's impact throughout Latin America, and specifically examine Argentina's investment climate, food supply and commodity prices, and energy policies on other Latin American countries. The discussion will also highlight the current developments and milestones in President Kirchner's presidency.

**Ambassador Nancy Soderberg**

American Task Force Argentina (ATFA) Co-chair and former Deputy U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations under President Clinton

**Gabriel Torres**

Moody's Investor Service Vice President and Sovereign Risk Group Senior Analyst

**Joydeep Mukherji**

Standard and Poor's Director of Sovereign Credit

**Hugo Alconada**

U.S. Bureau Chief and Washington Correspondent of *La Nación* (Argentina)

**Ambassador Jaime Daremblum** (moderator)

Director of Hudson Institute's Center for Latin American Studies and former Costa Rican Ambassador to the U.S.

***Space is limited – for more information or to RSVP please contact Ioannis Saratsis at [isaratsis@hudson.org](mailto:isaratsis@hudson.org) or (202) 974-2403.***